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Thought for the week:
'He is coming!.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for December 2023



For persons with disabilities
 We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Friday 22nd December 2023

Dear Parents

Y4 Nativity

Thank you to all the pupils and staff in Y4 who produced the 'Nativity—A Midwife's Crisis' for us this week. What a lovely performance. Well done to all the pupils for playing their part, it was a huge success. It was great to see so many of our parents come to support the children it definitely put us in the Christmas spirit.

Carol Concerts

Thank you to Y1, Y3, Y5 and Y6 for presenting to us their lovely Carol Concerts. They were all particularly moving and each one had it's own special message. Thanks to all the teachers for preparing the children this week.

Delivery from Santa

We have a very special visitor this week. A delivery arrived from the North Pole from Santa. A little gift was delivered to all the children in Nursery to Y2. He asked us to reassure everyone that he was on track for Christmas Day!

Reindeer Run

Thank you to everyone that supported our Reindeer Run this week. All proceeds go to the Birmingham Hospice (formerly known as The John Taylor Hospice) in Erdington. The children had great fun running around like Reindeers and for taking part get to keep their antlers. Well done everyone and thank you to Mrs Hannon-Dalby for organising the event.

PE Days

The office contacted parents this week to inform you of the changes to PE days from January. A polite reminder that children should come to school in their school shoes and change their footwear for PE. Please do not send pupils into school in Trainers as this is not part of our uniform policy. Many thanks in advance for your continued support.

Christmas Dinner Day

Yesterday we enjoyed our Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch in school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and it certainly put us in the Christmas mood. Thank you to our school cook Mrs Hawthorn who works tirelessly every year to make our day so special with all the usual delicious trimmings.

Christmas Mass Times

Please find attached to this letter the times for the parish masses over the Christmas period for your information. All are welcome to join Fr Simon and the Parish during the holiday.

Staffing for January 2024

As you know we say farewell to Miss Mochan who is leaving us today to start a new job in the new year. We wish her every success in her new role and thank her for all her hard work at St Margaret Mary school over the last few years. Mrs Hesgrave and Mrs Howley will be taking over Y2M from January 2024.

January 2024

A reminder that school term commences at the usual time on Monday 8th January. The next Teacher Training day will take place on Monday 19th February 2024.

Wishing all our pupils and families a happy and festive Christmas. Best wishes for 2024.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.
Mrs J Logue

Gospel Virtues
Autumn 2 Term

Attentive and Discerning

Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Diary Dates

Y5/6 School Mass on Friday 12th January

No after School clubs until week commencing 15th January

Y4P Swimming Wednesday 10th January

Non Uniform Day on Thursday 11th January £1.00



Light the Advent candle four. Think of Joy forever more. Christ child in a stable born. Gift of love that Christmas morn.

| Assembly Awards: | Maths Superstar | Good Work | Gospel Virtues |
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| Nursery | Chidiebube | Eiven | Dream |
| Reception | Yulyana & Efrata | Noh & Liam | Imioluwa Joanna & Jessica |
| Year One | Aaliyah & Robert | Halle & Arsema | Andreas & Ethan |
| Year Two | Hannah & Isreal | Solyana & Adonias | Rieon & Siena |
| Year Three | Martyna & Tayana | Brae & Thomas | Adam & Salvador |
| Year Four | Mielahier & Xavier | Sana A & Evelyn | Ta'Jae & Roman |
| Year Five | Grace S & Antony | Yocabel & Reegan | Leo & Leon |
| Year Six | Leila & Zofia | Franciszek & Tiana | Alex & Hope |



Essa, Filip, Lena, Charlie, Mikael, Nancy-Lou, Alfie, Mercyel, Solyana Z, Jaime, Derick, Salvador, Toby, Saharam Zuzanna K, Adil, Subhan, John, Keon, Alex and Jessica N.



Snippets of news about our School Parliament

Thank you to all the councils for all their hard work this year. We have raised well over £1000.00 pounds for school resources and charities that the pupils have chosen to support this term.

Thank you everyone for being so generous. We look forward to many more fundraisers in the new year.

Attendance Notice Board

It is vital that your child is on time and in school every day, unless there is a medical reason for them not being here. If your child is off school and we haven't seen them, you may receive a visit from myself, Mr Mulligan or Mr Barton as part of our Safe and Well checks. Please remember that our children have a right to an education - this is laid out in [UNICEF's Article 29 - A Right to an Education](#).

Article of the Week



Article 7 — Identity

Our overall attendance: 94%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 93% Y1 Attendance = 93%
 Y2 Attendance = 96% Y3 Attendance = 91%
 Y4 Attendance = 95% Y5 Attendance = 95%
 Y6 Attendance = 93%



Good attendance at St Margaret Mary means being in school at least 95% of the time [180-190 days]

